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President of Upper Volta 1958–66. Deposed by military coup 1966; imprisoned 1966–70; went into exile in Ivory Coast.

*Youlou, Abbé Fulbert* (1917–72), first President of the Congo Republic. Born near Brazzaville; educ. at seminaries in Cameroon and Gabon; ordained an RC priest in 1946. Mayor of Brazzaville 1957. Formed Union Démocratique de la Défense des Intérêts Africains, opposed to the local socialist party, the MSA. Elected to territorial assembly 1957; Minister of Agriculture 1957–8; Prime Minister 1958–9; President of Congo 1959–63. A general strike and widespread unrest in the country forced him to resign and to go into exile in Spain in 1963.

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